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BRUSSELS AND LONDON FOR FAA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, IT, MR

SUBJECT: GOI REQUEST FOR INFO ON CHARTER MUNITIONS FLIGHT

1. ITALIAN CIVIL AIR AUTHORITIES HAVE ASKED EMBASSY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON US REGISTERED AIRCRAFT THAT IS APPARENTLY INVOLVED IN CARRYING MUNITIONS FROM ROME - CIAMPINO AIRPORT TO NOUAKCHOTT. GOI HAS IDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT AS LOCKHEED CONSTELLATION N273R PILOTED BY DUNCAN BAKER. EMBASSY/FAA ROME HAVE ASCERTAINED THAT N273R IS A TYPE 749A CONSTELLATION OWNED BY CIM ASSOCIATES, P.O. BOX 2222608, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA AND THAT DUNCAN BAKER GIVES HIS ADDRESS AS JERSEY CENTRAL, CHANNEL ISLANDS 54791.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, CIVILAVIA INFORMED EMBASSY THAT THE LANZAIR COMPANY AND A MR. PIERRE A. MARIE, APPARENTLY OF LONDON, HAD REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR N273R TO LAND AT ROME - CIAMPINO TO LOAD 450 SURA MISSILES (MADE BY SNIA VISCOSA) FOR TRANSPORT TO NOUAKCHOTT FOR THE ACCOUNT OF MAURETANIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. N273R (EMPTY) LANDED AT CIAMPINO ON OCTOBER 10 WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION AND DEPARTED OCTOBER 13 EMPTY.

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3. EMBASSY/FAA ROME HAS NO INFORMATION ON LANZAIR OR PEIRRE A. MARIE AND ASSUMES N273R HAS BEEN DRY-LEASED BY CIM TO LANZAIR (PRESUMABLY A NON-US FIRM) OR MAURETANIAN GOVERNMENT. UNDER CURRENT REGULATIONS (CFR 175.5) WE ASSUME NO USG AUTHORIZATION NEEDED FOR N273R TO CARRY EXPLOSIVES IF ON DRY-LEASE AND THAT NO OTHER AUTHORIZATION NEEDED SIMPLY FOR OVERSEAS OPERATION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM CIM OR ELSEWHERE ON NATURE OF LEASE AGREEMENT COVERING N273R. COPY OF LEASE ARRANGEMENT SHOULD HAVE BEEN FILED WITH FAA OKLAHOMA AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION BRANCH UNDER THE AIRCRAFT'S REGISTRATION NUMBER.VOLPE

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